

UNCLAS

15 JAN 84 13 56z

25X1

TOHAK 55

TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR SEC. KISSINGER

JANUARY 15, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BERNARD GWERTZMAN REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS YOU MADE WITH PRESIDENT SADAT TOWARD NARROWING DIFFERENCES ON SEPARATING THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN ARMIES NEAR THE SUEZ CANAL. GWERTZMAN SAYS THE EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSALS WERE IN THE FORMAT OF A DETAILED MAP.

(A-1)

MORI/CDF C03343669

SEYMOUR HERSH COVERS SENATOR STENNIS' PLANS TO BEGIN AN INFORMAL INQUIRY THIS WEEK INTO ALLEGED MILITARY SPYING INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE. (A-1)

TUNISIAN PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA DISMISSED HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE AGREEMENT TO MERGE LIBYA AND TUNISIA. AS A RESULT, A SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE SAID THE MERGER COULD BE POSTPONED. (A-3)

PRESS REPORTS FROM TOKYO INDICATE THAT JAPAN IS WORKING ON A \$233 MILLION PROGRAM OF AID THAT IT PROMISED TO EGYPT FOR THE REOPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL. THE AID WILL BE IN THE FORM OF CREDITS AND IS DESCRIBED AS EVIDENCE OF JAPAN'S DESIRE TO PLAY A ROLE IN RESTORING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. (A-4)

DAVID BINDER'S ARTICLE, ENTITLED "PRAGMATIC TREND IN NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICY," WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN ITS ENTIRETY. (A-6)

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE  
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

THE SUN HEADLINES YOUR RETURN TO ISRAEL LAST NIGHT, BRINGING EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S REPLY TO ISRAELI PROPOSALS ON DIS-ENGAGEMENT OF FORCES. AN AIDE TO YOU SAID "THE DIFFERENCES THAT EXIST ARE MANAGEABLE." A PHOTO OF YOU AND PRESIDENT SADAT APPEARS WITH THE ARTICLE. (A-1)

IN BRITAIN, ELECTION FEVER CONTINUED TO MOUNT AS ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER HEATH AND THE COUNCIL OF TRADE FAILED TO RESOLVE THE COAL MINERS' PAY DISPUTE. (A-1)

SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO, OPENLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT IMPROVING EAST-WEST RELATIONS, HAS CALLED FOR INCREASED SOVIET MILITARY MIGHT. (A-2)

JEFF PRICE WRITES THAT WHILE YOU ARE SHUTTling BETWEEN CAIRO AND JERUSALEM TO BRING AN ACCORD ON THE SEPARATION OF FORCES, YOU ARE ALSO LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, INCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA. (A-2)

SENATOR J. BENNETT JOHNSTON (D.-LA) SAID YESTERDAY THAT SAUDI ARABIA'S KING FAISAL IS WILLING TO END THE OIL EMBARGO AGAINST THE U.S. PROVIDING WASHINGTON MAKES A PUBLIC DECLARATION THAT ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS. (A-2)

AN AUTHORITATIVE SOVIET JOURNAL SAID YESTERDAY THAT SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE PREVENTED A MUCH LARGER, MORE DANGEROUS CONFLICT DURING THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR LAST FALL. (A-2)

GILBERT LEWTHWAITE WRITES THAT THE EC-9 LAST NIGHT STROVE TO REMOVE LOCAL OBSTACLES TO ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH IN WASHINGTON ON THE ENERGY CRISIS. (A-4)

JOSEPH KRAFT DEVOTES HIS COLUMN TO THE PENTAGON SPY OPERATION INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE. HE CONCLUDES THAT THE WHITE HOUSE MAY BE TRYING TO MINIMIZE PRESIDENT NIXON'S GUILT BY SPREADING THE COMPLICITY TO MORE RESPECTED FIGURES. THE FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE IS BEING SENT TO YOU SEPARATELY. (A-11)

THE WASHINGTON POST

THE POST QUOTES FROM NEWS DISPATCHES UNDER A MINI-HEADLINE ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES AND COMMENTS YESTERDAY. (A-1)

JONATHAN RANDAL NOTES THAT THE FIRING OF THE PRO-MERGER TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER YESTERDAY PROBABLY SPELLS THE END TO THE PLAN TO JOIN LIBYA AND TUNISIA INTO THE ISLAMIC ARAB REPUBLIC. (A-1)

LAURENCE STERN FINDS THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY MATTER IN THE WATERGATE INVESTIGATION IS STILL A PUZZLE. REVELATIONS OF THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS DO NOT MAKE ANYTHING CLEARER, BUT POINT UP THE FACT THAT THE ENTIRE STORY IS YET TO BE TOLD. (A-1)

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS ASKED A FEDERAL

JUDGE YESTERDAY TO

EXAMINE PRIVATELY INFORMATION CONCERNING A WIRETAP ON MORTON HALPERIN. THE INFORMATION WILL DEMONSTRATE THE TAP WAS LEGAL. YOU ARE IDENTIFIED AS THE SUBMITTER OF HIS NAME TO THE FBI. (A-3)

ROBERT KAISER REPORTS ON THE LATEST PRAVDA ATTACK ON SOLZHENITSYN WHICH STOPS SHORT OF THREATENING HIM WITH NEW REPRESSION. THE CHARGES ARE SEEN PRIMARILY AS AN APPEAL TO THE PATRIOTISM OF ORDINARY SOVIET PEOPLE. (A-12)

THE LEAD POST EDITORIAL SUMMARIZES THE NEWS ACCOUNTS OF THE PENTAGON'S SPYING ON YOU. THE VILLIAN OF THE STORY IS THE PRESIDENT'S OBSESSION WITH SECRECY. YOUR ASSURANCES THAT YOU KNEW NOTHING OF DAVID YOUNG'S INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES LOOKS STRANGE IN THE LIGHT OF THESE REPORTS. THIS IS YET ANOTHER, UNNEEDED DEMONSTRATION OF THE DANGER OF RUNNING THE PRESIDENCY AS THOUGH IT WERE A GAME OF SOLITARE.

VICTOR ZORZA BELIEVES THAT THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE PRO-SOVIET AND THE PRO-AMERICAN FACTIONS ON THE EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP IS REACHING A POINT OF DECISION. THE KREMLIN IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE OUTCOME AND HAS WARNED EGYPT AGAINST DEFECTING FROM THE SOVIET ALLIANCE. (A-13)

900

0235